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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Hugh R. Sharkey et al. Art Unit : 3739  
Serial No. : 09/895,609 Examiner : Michael Peffley  
Filed : June 29, 2001  
Title : SURGICAL INSTRUMENT HAVING DISTAL FACE WITH FIRST AND  
SECOND ELECTRODES

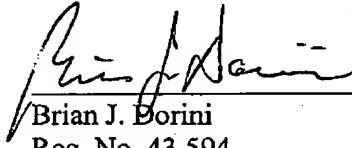
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PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for response to the action dated August 11, 2003, be extended for two months to and including January 12, 2004 (Monday).

Enclosed is a check for \$420 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,



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